

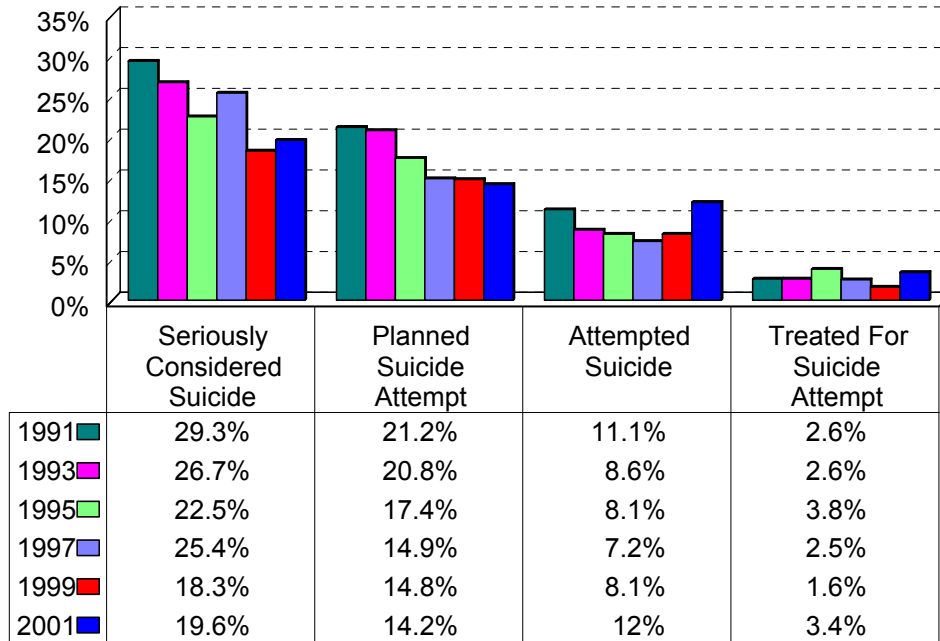
Suicide

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15 to 24. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey includes questions on feeling sad and hopeless, considering suicide, planning suicide attempts, attempting suicide, and medical treatment for injuries due to a suicide attempt.

Highlights

- L Figure 1 shows trends in suicidal ideation (thoughts and plans) and attempts among Lancaster county teens from 1991 to 2001. Although it declined since 1991, rates for 2001 were slightly higher than 1999.

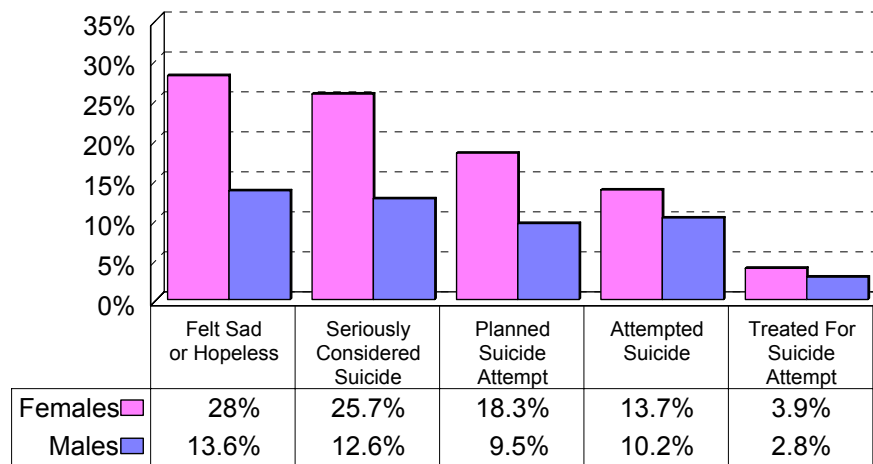
Figure 1: Suicide Ideation and Attempts*
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



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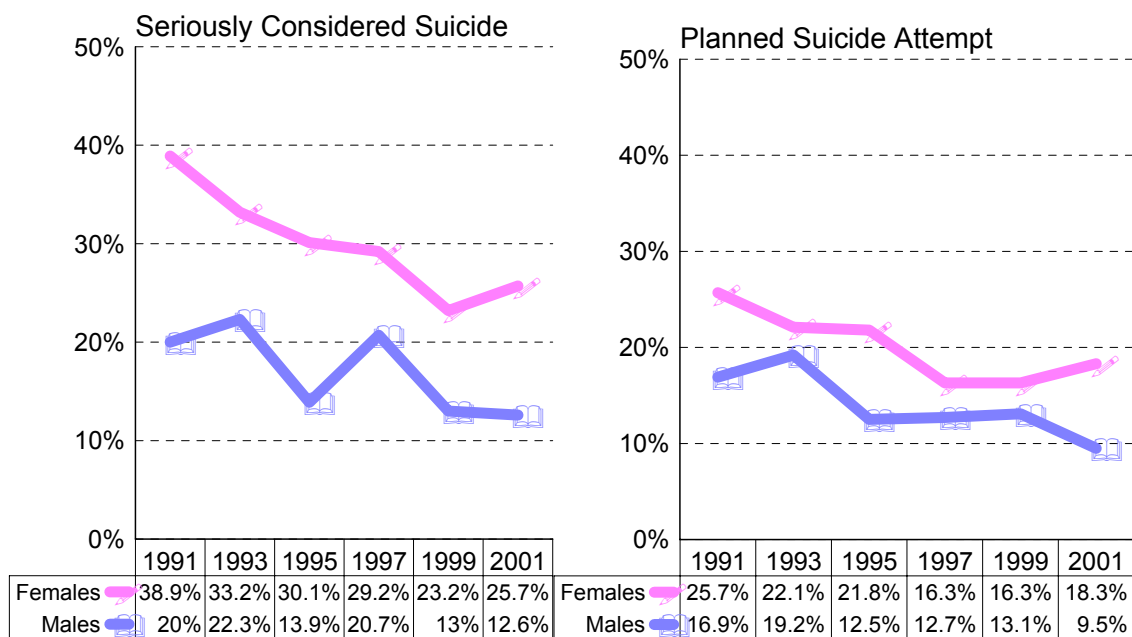
- L Female teens reported higher levels of depression, suicide thoughts, and suicide plans, than did male students in 2001. This was also evident in all six biannual survey years (Figure 2 & 3).

Figure 2: Suicide Ideation and Attempts*
2001 High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



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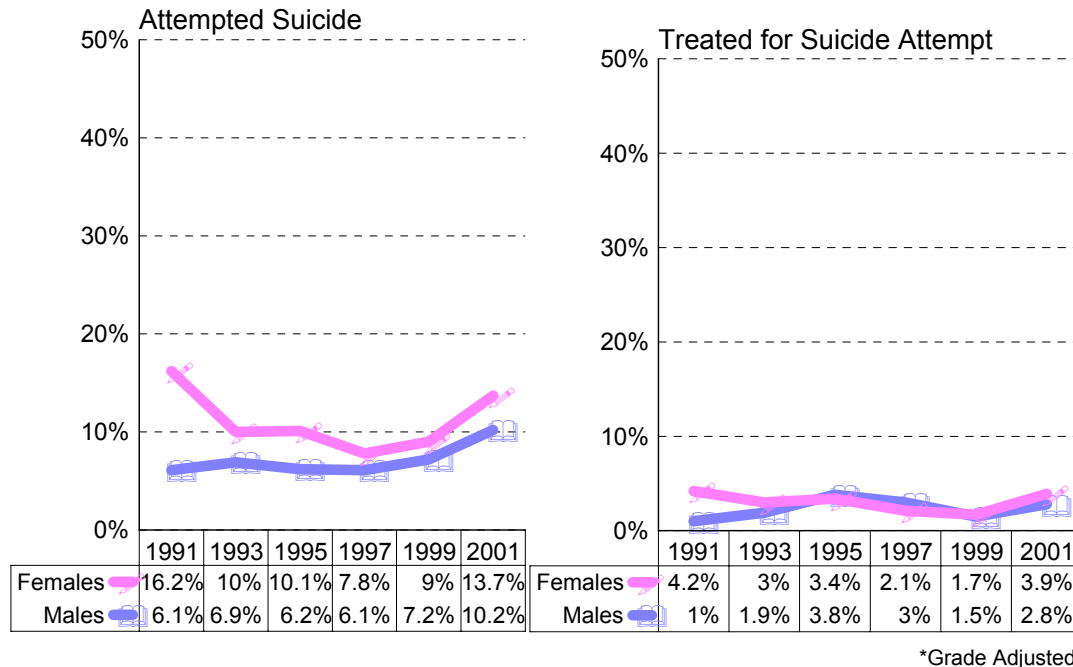
Figure 3: Suicide Ideation*
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- L There was little difference between males and females in reporting of either suicide attempts or injuries requiring medical treatment.

Figure 4: Suicide Attempts and Injuries*
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



- L Figure 5,6,7,8&9 presents reported suicide thoughts, attempts and injuries by individual grades.

Figure 5: Suicide Consideration by Grade
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months

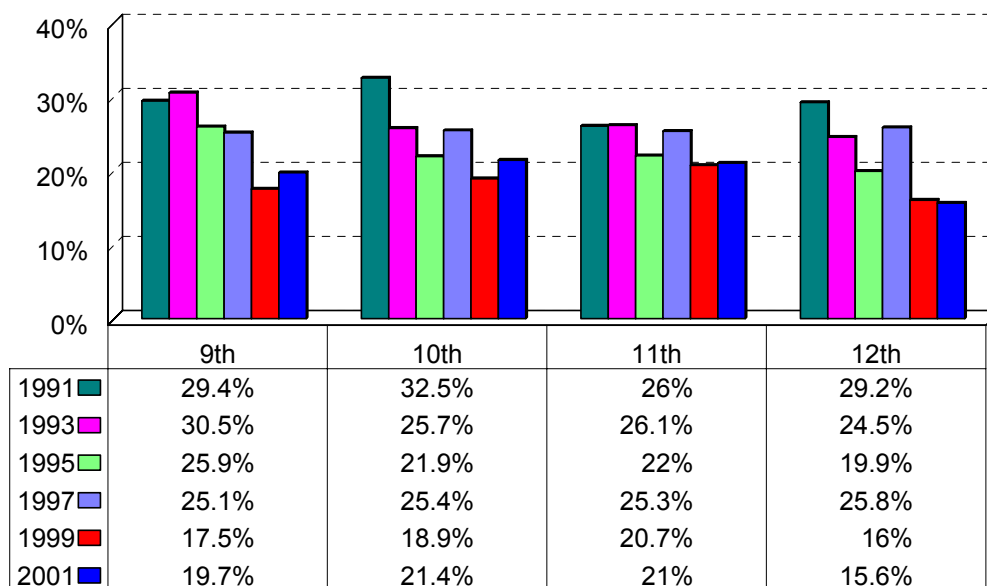


Figure 6: Planned Suicide Attempt by Grade
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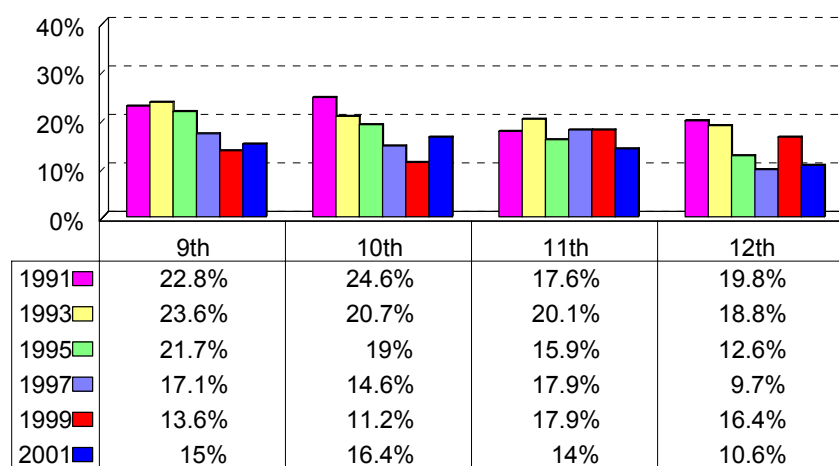


Figure 7: Suicide Attempt by Grade
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months

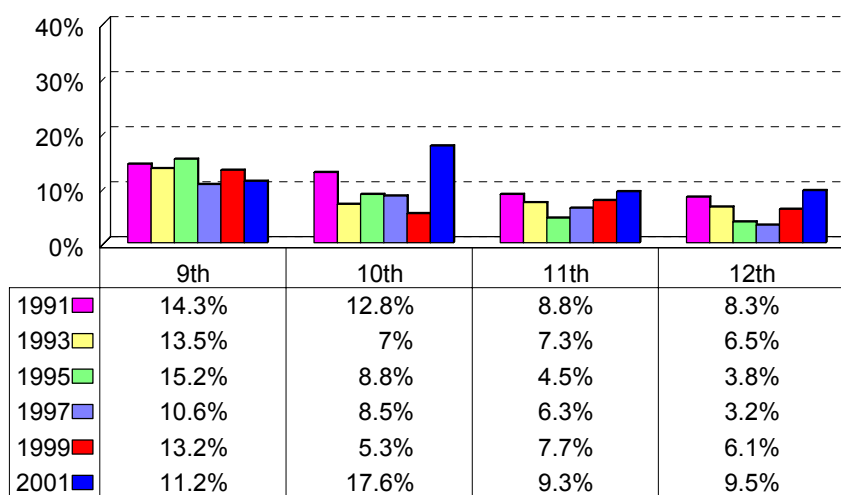


Figure 8: Treated for Suicide Attempt, by Grade
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months

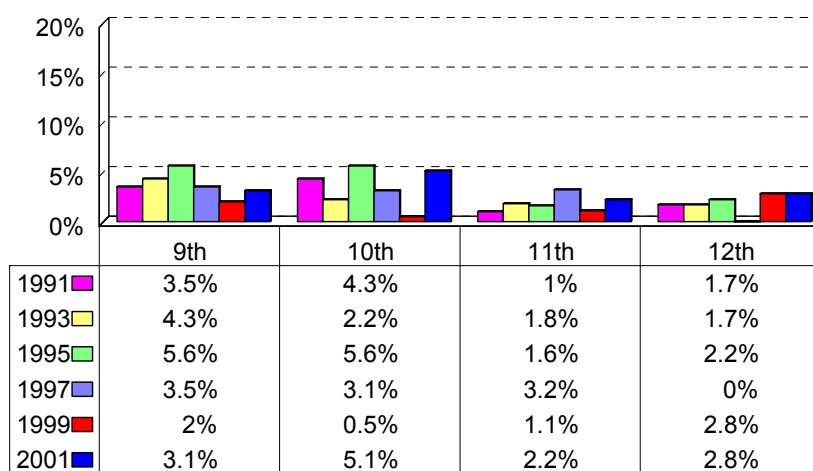
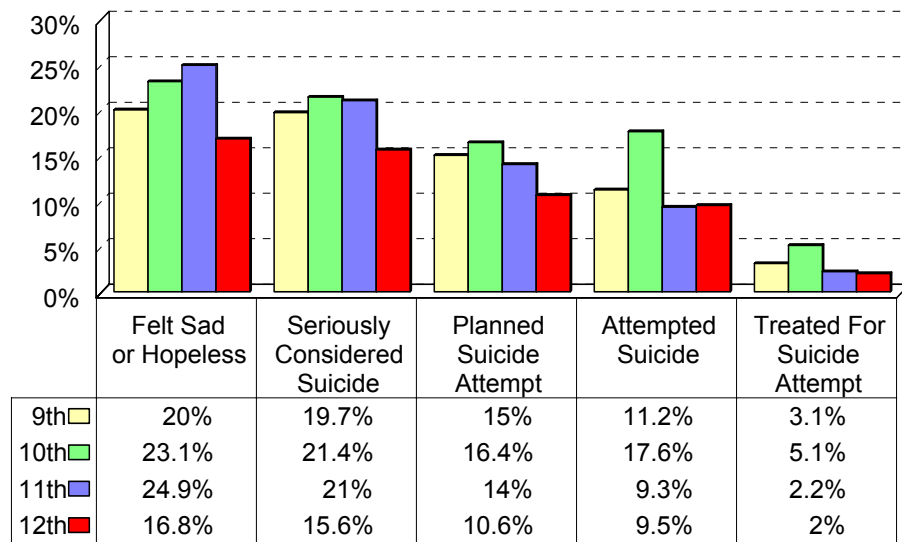
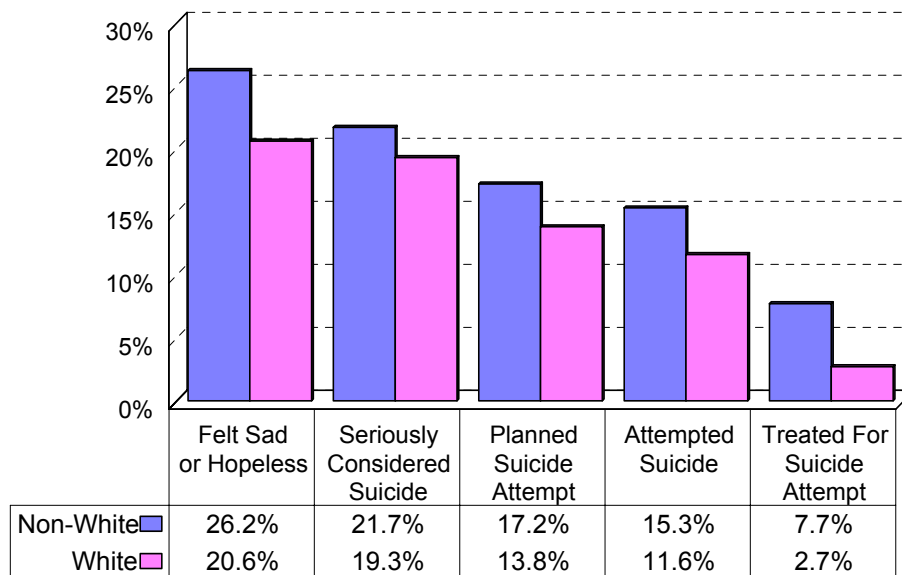


Figure 9: Suicide Ideation and Attempts
2001 High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



L In 2001, non-whites were more likely to feel sad or hopeless, consider suicide, plan suicidal attempt, attempt suicide and get treatment for attempted suicide than whites.

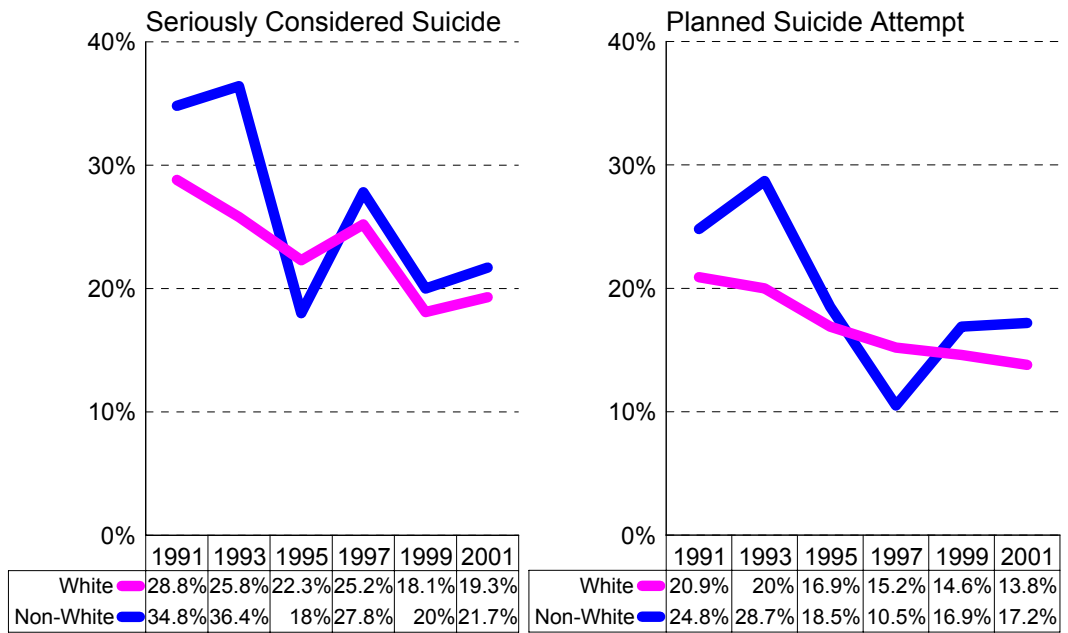
Figure 10: Suicide Ideation and Attempts*
2001 High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



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L Nearly 20% white teens seriously considered suicide and 13.8% actually planned a suicide attempt in the past 12 month preceding the survey. Among non-white teens this was 21.7% and 17.2% respectively.

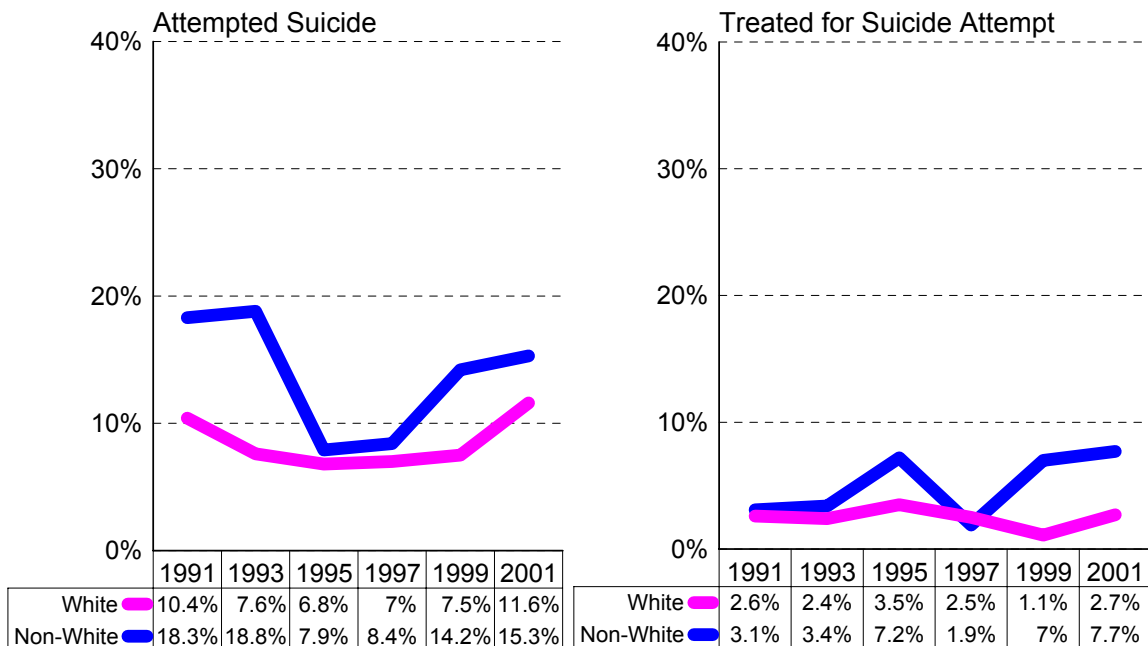
Figure 11: Suicide Ideation*
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Figure 12 shows racial differences in the rate of reporting suicide attempts and treatment associated with suicide attempt.

Figure 12: Suicide Attempts and Injuries*
High School Students, Reported During the Past 12 Months



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